(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Promoting breast feeding

†1306. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ban children food products and other substitutes used in lieu of mother's milk for spreading the message of breast feeding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has no details about the deaths of children owing to the negation of breast feeding by Indian women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. At present Government has no proposal to ban children food products and other substitutes used in lieu of mother's milk for spreading the message of breast feeding. However, the Government has implemented Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992 as amended in 2003.

This Act provides for the regulation of production, supply and distribution of infant milk substitutes, feeding bottles and infant foods to protect and promote breastfeeding.

(c) and (d) Specific details in this regard are not available. However, as per the information available from the office of the Registrar General of India (2001-03), the commonest causes of death among children aged 0-4 years are perinatal conditions (33%), respiratory infections (22%), diarrhoeal diseases (14%), malaria (2.7%), congenital anomalies (2.7%) and fever of unknown origin (1.5%)

Menace of swine flu and dengue

†1307. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of swine flu and dengue still exists;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh is in the grip of Japanese fever; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, the action taken by Government for prevention of these diseases, the amount spent on it, and the number of deaths caused by these diseases so far?

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